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November 14, 1991

The Honorable James A. Baker III
Secretary of State
2201 C Street, NW
Washington, D.C.

Dear Secretary Baker:

As you prepare to visit the People's Republic of China this week, we are writing to raise several concerns about U.S.-China relations that we urge you to pursue with Chinese officials. We are respectfully submitting a list of findings regarding the gross violation of human rights by the Chinese government.

Given that your visit to Beijing will be considered by the Chinese regime as a diplomatic victory in itself, the Chinese government should be pressed vigorously to make significant concessions in the areas of human rights, trade and weapons proliferation.

- o We therefore urge you to press aggressively for the release of political prisoners in China and Tibet and for access to prisoners by independent human rights monitoring groups. The continued detention of pro-democracy advocates, the persistent jamming of Voice of America and the denial of fundamental freedoms of speech, press and religion by the Chinese government must end.
- o We also urge you to indicate that Chinese import barriers to U.S. products and the export of prison made goods to the United States have a deleterious effect on American workers and manufacturers and must be ceased. The intentional evasion of U.S. import quotas through transshipments and the continued violation of U.S. intellectual property rights will no longer be tolerated.
- o Third, it must be made clear to the Chinese government that the sale of unsafeguarded nuclear technology and advanced missile systems to countries in the volatile Middle East and South Asian regions is unacceptable to the United States and that a cessation of these sales is necessary if U.S.-China relations are to improve.
- o We also urge you to indicate to the Chinese our interest in Hong Kong. The U.S. has legitimate bilateral interest in Hong Kong and we urge the Chinese government to adhere to the Sino-British Joint Declaration of 1984 and guarantee Hong Kong the autonomy outlined therein.

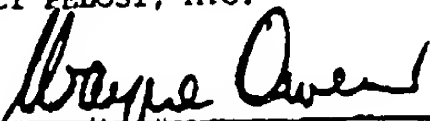
Thank you for your attention to these concerns which were expressed by members of the House and Senate during debate on H.R. 2212, the bill to condition MFN for China on the release of political prisoners and improvement in other areas of concern.

We sincerely hope that your talks in Beijing result in significant action by the Beijing regime which can restore a Sino-American relationship that has been in jeopardy since the Tiananmen Square massacre.

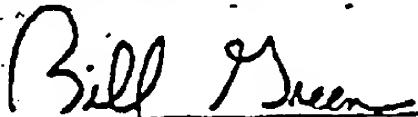
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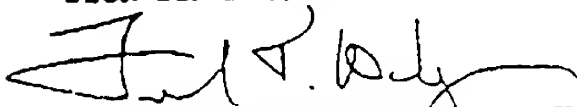
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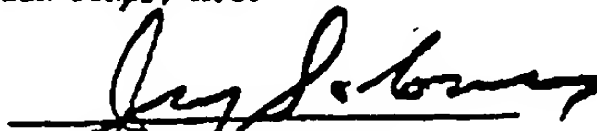
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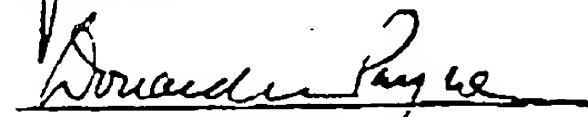
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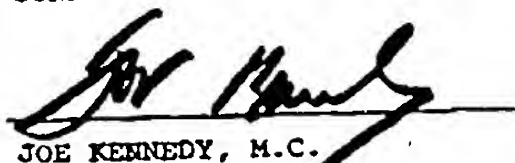
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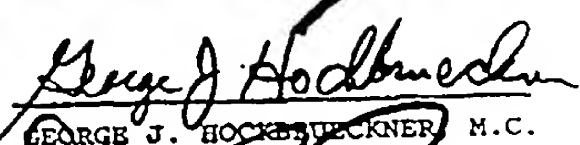
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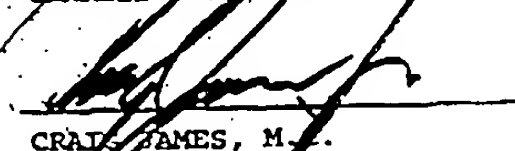

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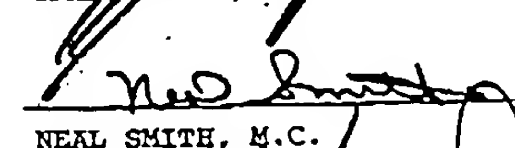

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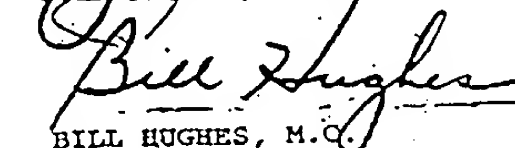

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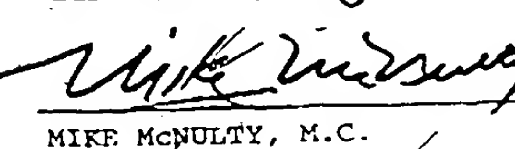

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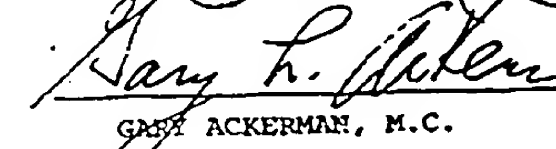

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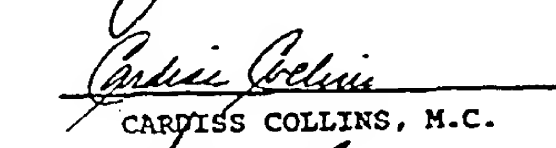

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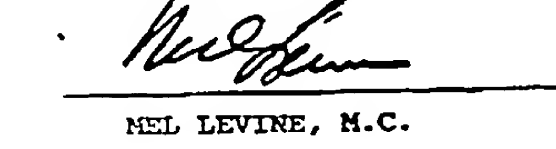

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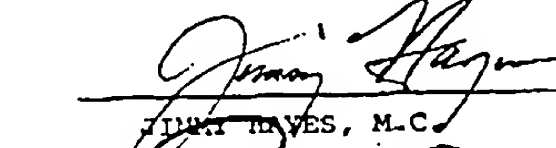

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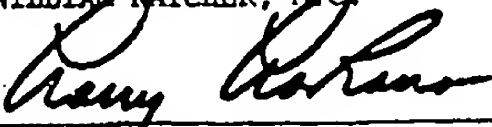
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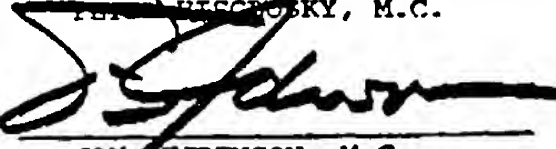

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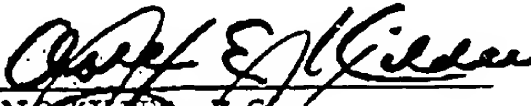

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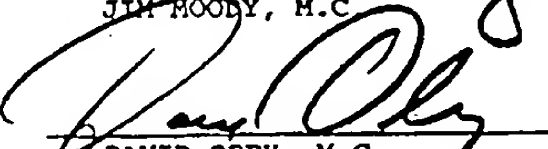

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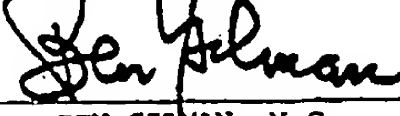

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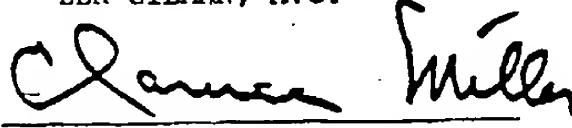

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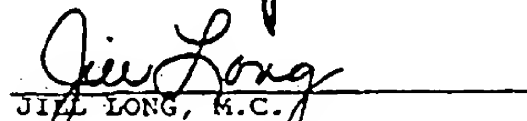

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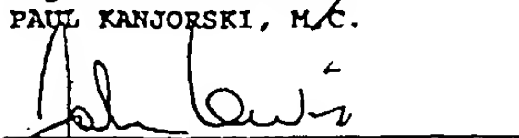
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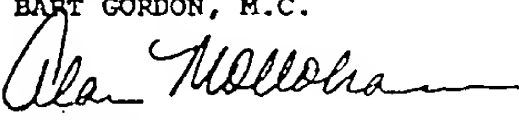
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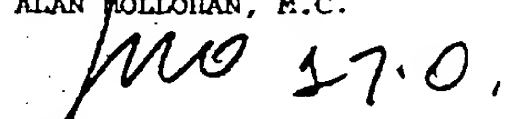

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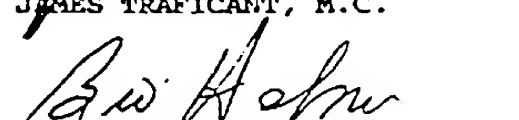

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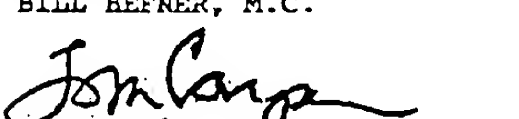

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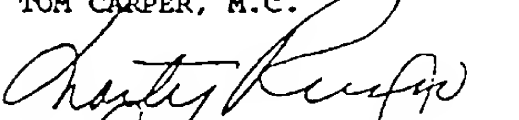

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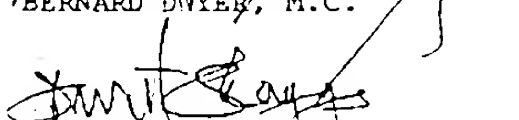

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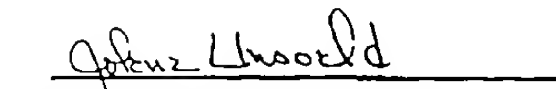

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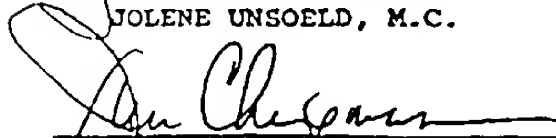

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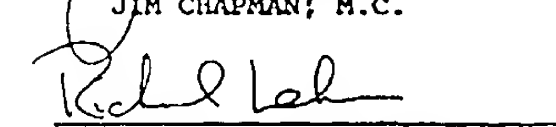

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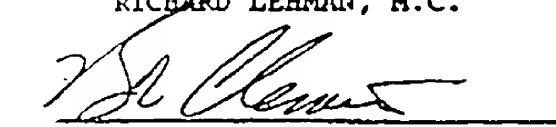

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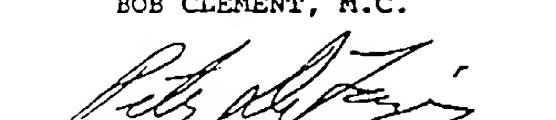

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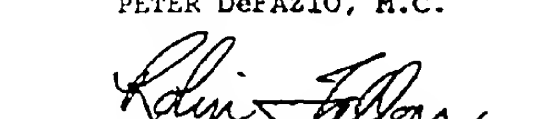

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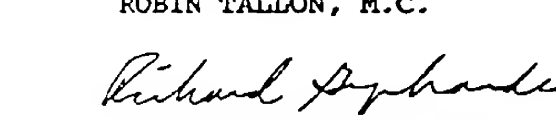

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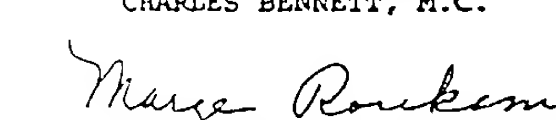

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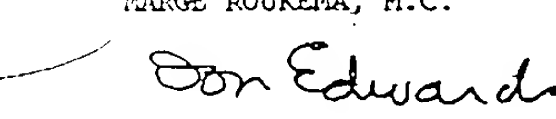

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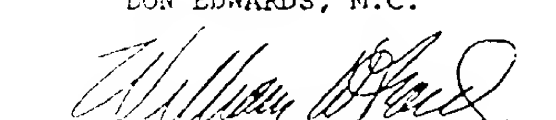

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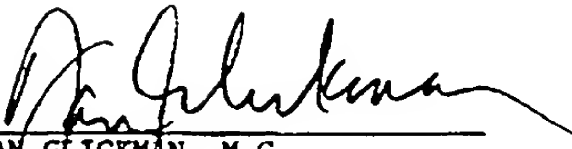

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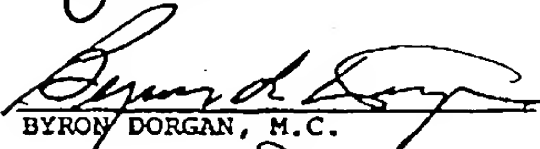

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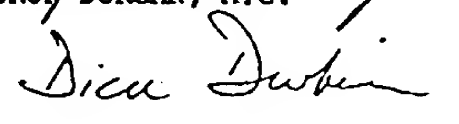

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